



**US Agency for International Development (USAID)
Macedonia
Amendment to Initial Environmental Examination (IEE)**

Program/Project/Activity Data

Activity/Project Name:	Micro and Small Enterprise Project		
Assistance Objective:	Economic Growth		
Program Area:	Economic Opportunity		
Country(ies) and/or Operating Unit:	Macedonia		
Originating Office:	Economic Growth Office	Date: 08/08/2014	
PAD Level IEE: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DCN of Original RCE/IEE:	2011-MAC-002	
Supplemental IEE: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DCN of Amendment(s):	2012-MAC-027	
RCE/IEE Amendment: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
If Yes, Purpose of Amendment (AMD):	Increasing the project ceiling expanding the geographical coverage to four additional region, extend the project duration, and change Mitigation measures for activity 3.2.		
DCN(s) of All Related EA/IEE/RCE/ER(s):	2014-MAC-023, 2014-MAC-020, 2013-MAC-026, 2014-MAC-009		
Implementation Start/End:	AMD: July 1, 2016-December 31, 2016	LOP: July 1, 2011 - December 31, 2016	
Funding Amount:	AMD Amount: \$1,120,600	LOP Amount: \$3,100,000	
Contract/Award Number (if known):	165-A-11-00002		
IEE Expiration Date (if any):		Reporting due dates (if any):	[exact dates]
Recommended Environmental Determination:			
Categorical Exclusion:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Positive Determination:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Negative Determination:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deferral:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Elements:			
Conditions:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Procurement:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Government to Government:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donor Co-Funded:	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. Purpose of Amendment

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- Increase the project ceiling to \$3,100,000. Expand the project activities into four additional regions in Macedonia (i.e. nationwide)
- Extend the project duration by six months from July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
- Replace the language in Table 3, Activity 3.2 under Mitigation Measures/Conditions with the following language: If the investment falls under Category I as verified by the MEO, the loan may proceed without additional environmental review. The implementing partner shall prepare a project description questionnaire (Annex I) for each Category II investment project, and screen each loan to determine if it is a negative determination

with conditions. If the loan falls under Category II, the implementing partner shall prepare a sub-award project environmental report. (Annex III). Sub-awards falling under Category III are not allowed. The implementing partner shall also ensure that the sub-award meets requirements of all local and national laws and regulations.

Replace the language under Section E. Recommended Environmental Action 2.

Conditions and Mitigation Measures a. with the following language: If a subaward falls within Category I and MEO verifies no environmental impact, no further environmental review is needed. For all other subawards, the implementing partner must complete the project description questionnaire (Annex I). Based on the project description, the subaward will be screened using the screening tool of Annex II to determine the significance of environmental effects. For subawards falling under Category II, an environmental report must be prepared (Annex III). The Mission Environmental Officer must approve all environmental reports and provide a copy to the Bureau Environmental Officer. If Annex III, Section F, Box 3 is checked, the project cannot be awarded.

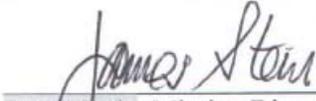
Project results to date:

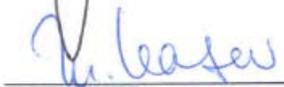
- **172 participants** enrolled in the Entrepreneurial Class Program over the past three years. About 25% of them are women. The program contains 9 days of sessions for exchange of experiences and networking sessions. The average score for the program exceeds 4.5 (on the scale from 1 to 5).
- **27 participants improved their financial management skills** by completing the Entrepreneur Finance Class and the program on collection of receivables
- **17 participants improved their marketing management skills** by completing the Entrepreneur Marketing Class
- **38 microenterprises benefitted from direct Business Support**, such as implementation of HACCP system, ISO 9001, 18001 and 14001, preparation of business plans, training and certification for ISO 50001 implementation and lead auditor, development of accounting software, finding a partner in Kosovo, organization of business presentation in Kosovo and analysis of the economic health of the company.
- **Introductory market meetings and B2B sessions** were organized in Pristina, Tirana, Sarajevo and Israel, while some the participants attended **business conferences** in Poland, Croatia and Serbia.
- The Micro Investment Fund made **five investments** in a microenterprise throughout Macedonia totaling over \$400,000

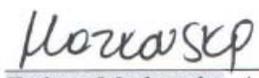
1.2. All conditions of the original IEE remain in effect. With this Amendment, all other existing reporting requirements not mentioned above shall remain in place, for instance, any monitoring or reporting timelines stated in the EA or other existing EMMPs remain in place as do requirements for submittal by the implementing partner of Records of Compliance with Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Plans at the close of activities.

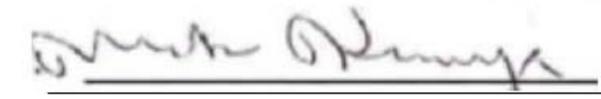
1.3. This project is currently in compliance.

2. Recommended Environmental Threshold Decision Clearances:

Approval :  09/05/2014
James Stein, Mission Director Date

Clearance:  09/04/2014
Ivica Vasev, Mission Environmental Officer Date

Clearance :  09/04/2014
Tatjana Markovska, Activity Manager/COR/AOR Date

Concurrence:  9/9/2014
Mark Kamiya Date
E&E Bureau Environmental Officer

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MEO (to also provide a copy to AOR/COR)